Sunday April 24, 2022
Gifts of Healings and Working of Miracles

Today is supernatural Sunday, where we bring a simple message to encourage faith in our hearts to believe God for healing and miracles.

There are many ways through which the Lord Jesus heals and meets the needs of His people. Today we remind us about a few of these, and then we will pray for God to minister to us powerfully.

THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12:7-11
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:
8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,
10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

We are familiar with the gifts of the Spirit. These are referred to as "manifestation of the Spirit".

The word 'manifestation' comes from a Greek word which means a disclosure, a clear display, an outward evidencing, an active exhibition.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are expression through which the Holy Spirit is making Himself visible and giving evidence to His presence and power. The Holy Spirit is making Himself known through the gifts of the Spirit.

People ask for evidence – and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are evidence!

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would glorify Him. Hence, we can be sure that through the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, not only are people blessed, but the Lord Jesus is also glorified.

John 16:14

He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

All of us desire to glorify the Lord Jesus. And one of the ways to do that is to manifest the gifts of the Spirit.

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE STILL IN THE CHURCH TODAY

Some people contend that the gifts of the Spirit are not for today. But lets just present a few simple points that affirm that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us today.

1, The Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and hence we must expect Him to manifest Himself by His gifts.

There is no indication any where in Scripture that the Holy Spirit has ceased working in and through the Church.

Some people use this passage in the great love chapter to state that the gifts of the Spirit have ceased in their operations. Let's take a close look if what they are saying is correct?

1 Corinthians 13:9-12
9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Verse 10 states that "WHEN that which is perfect" comes, then that which is in part, that is the expression of the gifts of the Spirit, will be done away.

Some people use verse 10, and state that the apostle Paul was referring to the full revelation of the New Testament, and since we have the complete Bible, the gifts of the Spirit have been done away with.

However, we must question their statement. Is that what the apostle Paul was stating? He does not make any mention of the Word of God. Instead, it is obvious to see that the "WHEN", the apostle Paul was referring to was SEEING JESUS FACE TO FACE. At that time, we will KNOW FULLY just as we are fully known.

So clearly, there are two criteria, for the WHEN:
1, We see face to face. Do we see the Lord face to face now? Answer, 'No'.
2, We know fully, have complete, perfect understanding. Do we know fully, have complete, perfect understanding, even with the full Bible? Answer, 'No'.

So, we need the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of prophecy, even though these are only "in part" or partial expressions of what God is REVEALING and SAYING to us.

2, Believers manifesting the gifts of the Spirit are one of the ways to glorify Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Each one of us desire to glorify Jesus Christ in our lives. Now God Himself has set some ways for us to glorify Him. One of these ways is to manifest the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have already read the Scripture that teaches us that the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus. Hence, the gifts of the Spirit are one of the God-given ways to glorify Jesus.

Since the gifts of the Spirit are a way to glorify Jesus, why would God withdraw the manifestation of these gifts? Certainly, He would not.

DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS
We see very clearly in the writings of the apostle Paul that we are encouraged to desire the expressions of these spiritual gifts. Consider these Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 12:31
But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

The best gifts are the combination of gifts that are most suited for the occasion, to address the needs of the people and to glorify Jesus in that situation.

So if a person is sick, then obviously the best gifts are the gifts of healings, faith and perhaps working of miracles. Whatever it will take to meet the need of the individual and glorify Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:1
Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

The audience for 1 Corinthians 14:1 is all believers. ALL BELIEVERS are to pursue love. Hence, ALL BELIEVERS are to desire spiritual gifts, and especially to prophesy.

None of us should excuse ourselves saying, 'I am just a simple believer, so I do not want the gifts of the Spirit'. Well, the truth is you are not being a 'simple believer'. Because if you really were a 'simple believer' then you would embrace everything the Bible states, including the gifts of the Spirit with 'childlike simplicity'. Now you are being a 'complicated believer' because mentally you are rejecting something that God invites all believers to step into.

Let's look at one more Scripture verse:

1 Corinthians 14:12
Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

The Corinthian believers were definitely zealous for the manifestations of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit. Paul did not tell them not to be zealous of the gifts. Instead, he only encouraged them to exercise spiritual gifts in a manner that edifies the church.

So we edify one another through the gifts of the Spirit and we must desire the gifts of the Spirit in order to do so.

We must DESIRE the gifts. The Holy Spirit GIVES the manifestation through us, amongst us and for us. So, we cooperate with Him and RECEIVE as He manifests Himself.

We DESIRE. The Spirit GIVES.
He GIVES in response to our DESIRE.

Today, we bring our attention to just two of these gifts of the Spirit or manifestations of the Spirit, and then we will desire and pray for their manifestation.

GIFTS OF HEALINGS

The names of the gifts are themselves an indication of what these gifts are and what purpose they serve. The gifts of healings are obviously, as the name indicates, works of the Holy Spirit that cause healing in those who are sick.

Notice a few truths:
1, Both words "gifts" and "healings" are plural. This implies that there are numerous, limitless expressions of these gifts of healings. Not just one way of expression.

2, Since these are gifts of the Spirit – these are supernatural and not some acquired skill. We thank God for doctors, but medicine is a learned and acquired skill. While the gifts of healings are supernatural expressions of the Spirit that results in healing.

3, The healing is for the whole person – that is the healing can be for a wounded spirit, a wounded soul (mind, will, emotions) or a sick body.

4, While not stated in 1 Corinthians 12, we see in the Gospels and Acts, that many times these healings take place accompanied by deliverance, that is, the driving out of evil spirits that are causing the problem.

We recall a few examples:
John 5:1-9, the healing of the man at the pool of Bethsaida.
Acts 3:1-16, the healing of the lame man at the temple gate
Acts 19:11, the healings and deliverances that took place through the hands of Paul

WORKING OF MIRACLES

Miracles are God at work causing things to happen that suspend or override normal natural functioning and processes. The Bible is full of miracles. Supernatural happenings.

Consider some examples:
Feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14)
The coin in the mouth of a fish (Matthew 17)
The miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5)
…and many others.

RECEIVING HEALINGS AND MIRACLES BY FAITH

The God of the Bible is the God of today.

We must desire the best gifts. Obviously, we do it in faith believing that He will give the gifts.

Remember, these are gifts. We do not earn or in any way deserve them. We can only DESIRE for them based on His grace and His power at work.

SALVATION CALL

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8
If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12
If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6
If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12
If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12
If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31
As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME
Minister as the Spirit leads

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation
To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome
The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word
Read the following Scripture reference: *1 Corinthians 12:7-11,31; 1 Corinthians 13:9-13, 1 Corinthians 14:1,12*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together
Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, What simple insights would we present to affirm that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are still active in the Church today?

2, How do we understand 1 Corinthians 13:9-13 correctly? What are the two criteria mentioned by the apostle Paul, to determine when the gifts will no longer be needed?

3, Based on the Scriptures we read today, what must we do to see more of the manifestations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey
Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another
Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:
1, families to be protected and strengthened
2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.
YOUTUBE: https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore
WEBSITE: https://apcwo.org/live

Our other websites and free resources:
CHURCH: https://apcwo.org
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SERMON OUTLINE

The gifts of the Spirit are manifestations of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are ways through which the Spirit of God makes Himself know. These gifts glorify and exalt Jesus Christ. All are encouraged to desire spiritual gifts. We look at two of the gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of healings and the gift of working of miracles. We desire. The Holy Spirit gives. He normally gives in accordance to our desire. We take time to expect, pray and minister as the Spirit leads.

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